Suicides by farmers in Uttar Pradesh

419. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suicides of farmers in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the reasons why the farmers are pushed to take such a drastic action; and

(c) the steps taken to help the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) As per information received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, there have been incidents of suicide by farmers in the State, but none of these is due to agriculture-related causes.

Hybrid rice

†420. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multinationals and companies of private sector have their hold on the hybrid varieties of rice seeds;

(b) if so, whether Government are making any efforts for providing better varieties of rice seeds to farmers at reasonable prices;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) the comparative position of rice productivity in India compared to China; and

(e) the details of achievements of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) Private Sector Seed Industry including multinationals are producing and marketing large quantities of hybrid rice seeds. In 2006 the private seed companies had reportedly sold 11,600 tonnes of hybrid rice seeds. Government provides financial assistance @ Rs. 20 per kilogram for production of rice hybrid seeds, assistance @ Rs. 25 per kilogram for distribution of rice hybrid seeds and training of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

farmers in hybrid rice seed production technology through the implementing agencies (State Deptt. of Agriculture, State Seeds Corporations, National Seeds Corporation, State Farm Corporation of India and State Agriculture Universities) under scheme "Development and strengthening of infrastructure facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds". The details of funds released State-wise are given in the Statement (*See* below). Productivity of rice in India is 2077 kg/ha (in terms of paddy 3115 kg/ha in 2003-04) compared to 6350 kg/ha (paddy) in China. Indian Council of Agriculture Research and State Agriculutre Universities have developed 19 Rice hybrids, which have been released and notified. Important ones are Pusa Rice hybrid-10 (Basmati) having yield potential of 2904 kg/ha, DRRH-2 released and notified in November 2005 having yield potential of 3564 kg/ha, Pant Sankar Dhan-3 released and notified in April 2006 having yield pontential of 6798 kg/ha, Ajay and Rajalaxmi released and notified in September 2006 having yield potential of 4000 kg/ha.

Statement

Details of expenditure made under 'Hybrid Rice' Scheme during 2005-06 & 2006-07

Sl. No.	Name of the Agency	Amt. Released (Amt. in lakh) 2005-06	2006-07	Production	Purpose Year	No. of Training
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Govt. of Tamil Nadu		2.75 24.48	200.00 qtls. 1750 qtls. + 3 trainings	2006-07	5
2.	Sardar Patel Univ. of Agr. & Technology, Meerut		0.95	20.00 qtls.	-do-	5
3.	HSDC		1.50	150.00 qtls.	-do-	nil
4.	MSSC		10.00	1000.00 qtls.	-do-	—
5.	Govt. of Punjab		5.70	525.00 qtls.	-do-	3
6.	GKVK, Bangalore		21.35	2000.00 qtls.	-do-	9
7.	IGUA&T, Raipur		3.60	210.00 qtls.	2007-08	10
8.	UPSSDC		6.50	500.00 qtls.	-do-	10

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	KSSC, Bangalore		6.75	600.00 qtls.	2006-07	5
10.	UA&TDC, Pantnagar		7.35	660.00 qtls.	2007-08	5
10A.	-do-		24.80	1160.00 qtls. 1320.00 qtls.	2006-07 2007-08	— —
11.	West Bengal Govt.	25.00	—			
12.	Govt. of U.P.	25.00				
13.	Govt. of Bihar	28.00	24.00	2250.00 qtls.	2007-08	10
14.	Govt. of Tripura	17.75				
15.	Govt. of Karnataka	39.00				
16.	Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	19.20	300.00			
	APSSDC, Hyderabad		300.70	For production of 60,070 qtls. of hybrid rice during 2007-08		
17.	NSC	30.00				
18.	SFCI	40.00				
19.	TNAU, Coimbatore	—	12.06	576 qtls. + 42 trainings		
20.	Govt. of Sikkim		7.95	750 qtls. + 3 trainings		
21.	Govt. of Manipur		6.50	350 qtls. + 20 trainings		
22.						
	Total:	241.45	766.94	14,021 qtls. + 130 trainings		

Targets for 2007-08 for production of hybrid rice is 60,070 qtls. for which APSSDC has been given an amount of Rs. 6,00,70,000/-

KVK at Karamchedu in A.P.

421. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to issue suitable orders for establishment of a full fledged Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) at Karamchedu in Ongole Revenue Division of Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh;